be set up there which will includes people's representatives...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI VINAY KATIYAR : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in this connection if the ruling given by hon. Speaker during the last session and the assurance given by the hon. Minister is fulfilled then this problem can be solved...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, It has all been mentioned in the agreement concluded at that time. It also includes that electricity will be provided within an area of 12 kms. but, nothing has been done inspite of Government order. It is my humble submission through you that their problems should be completely resolved.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to raise an urgent matter of Public importance.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please sit down.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, those who shout are being heard if we are not given a chance to speak how can we raise important points...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : No, you sit down. You can not go on like this. You can not speak without permission.

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : What has gone wrong with the mood of the House today. I am not allowing you.

(Interruptions)

13.00 hrs.

[English]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, as you know, shipping is the lifeline for the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Islands are scattered from Port Blair, the Southern Island, the last Island, the Great Nicobar which is 350 nautical miles away. These Islands do suffer from lack of adequate inter-Island shipping services. For the last one year, the shipping services went from bad to worse and the people, particularly the tribal people living in those remote and isolated Islands, are suffering the most. Time and again, this matter was raised. I tried to draw the attention of the Government and the Minister of Surface Transport to take immediate action to provide inter-Island shipping services to those parts of the country but it was a futile attempt. That is why, once again, through you, I draw the attention of the Government as also the attention of all the Members, irrespective of party affiliations, to this issue and request the Government to kindly consider the plight of those people to have a link with Port Blair, the capital of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, then how can these people live? Even their marketing facilities, even the vegetables grown by the farmers, and even the essential commodities are all affected due to lack of inadequate inter-Island shipping services.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is busy talking with somebody, he has no time to hear this important issue raised by a Member coming from the Island Territory...*(Interruptions)*

I would, therefore, request him to kindly respond to this matter because it is not one individual person's issue but it is the issue of all the people living in that part. That is why, I request the Government that it should immediately provide one ship either on charter basis or a second-hand vessel should be purchased to provide immediate relief to the people living particularly in Great Nicobar Islands, in Kondul Islands, in Kamotra Islands, in Katchall Islands, in Chawra Islands, in Teressa Islands and in Car Nicobar Islands. I hope my appeal will not fall on deaf ears and the Government would do everything possible.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Gentlemen, I have to make one announcement. Listen to me first, please.

On the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, the reply of the hon. Prime Minister will be on Monday and not today, at 4 p.m.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please listen to me. I will request Mr. Jena to meet me in the chamber to explain the attitude of the members of his party.

[English]

I feel that this should not be repeated in future.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Sir, as you know, the IDPL was a very prestigious Central Public Sector Undertaking. It was one of the largest pharmaceutical companies of the world. It used to supply almost all the necessary essential life-saving drugs and that also at a very cheap price. But over the years because of mismanagement and corruption, such a prestigious Central Public Sector Undertaking had become sick. Ultimately, the work-force was reduced from 14,000 to 7500. As asked by the BIFR, the IDBI has submitted a revival plan which is very much against the PSU itself as also the work-force. All the trade unions together have submitted an alternative revival package which will retain all the existing work-force as also make it profitable.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government not to accept the IDBI's proposed revival package but listen to the proposals of the employees, of all the trade unions about that alternative revival package so that this prestigious IDPL as also the people working in this prestigious public sector undertaking can be saved...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have no objection if he wants to say something.

(Interruptions)